

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MEXICO 08722 032216Z

73

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01

USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /028 W

----- 117937

P 032130Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 352

C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 8722

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT MX

SUBJECT: LOPEZ PORTILLO AS CANDIDATE

1. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL BE OFFICIALLY SWORN IN AS THE PRI CANDIDATE, WHICH WILL BE OCCASION FOR HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN SPEECH.

2. LPEZ IS STILL RECEIVING LARGE GROUPS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE MADE PILGRIMAGE TO HIS RESIDENCE IN COYOACAN. THESE EVENTS HAVE PRODUCED SOME OFF-HAND COMMENTS AND SHORT RESPONSES TO GROUP LEADERS WHO MAKE RITUALISTIC SPEECHES OF SUPPORT. PRESS QUESTIONS HAVE ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO LOPEZ TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

3. IN GENERAL , HOWEVER, LOPEZ HAS AVOIDED MAKING SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENTS, OFTEN REFERRING REPORTERS TO THE RESPONSIBLE GOM OFFICIAL. WHERE HE HAS RESPONDED HE APPEARS TO US TO HAVE RESISTED TEMPTATION AFFORDED BY SOME LEADING QUESTIONS TO BE DEMAGOGIC. HE OFTEN RESPONDS IN HUMOROUS AND MILDLY SELF-DISPARAGING TONES.

4. ONE INDICATION OF DIRECTION JLP MAY BE TAKING WAS NAMING OCTOBER 2 OF NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PRI, WHICH HAD RESIGNED WITH FORMER PRESIDENT REYES HEROLE. SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION FIDEL HERRERA BELTRAN (WHO RECENTLY ATTENDED CUBAN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON PUERTO RICO) WAS REPLACED BY LEOPOLDO GONZALEZ SAINZ, THE

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MEXICO 08722 032216Z

POPULAR (AND FRIENDLY TO U.S.) MAYOR OF MONTERREY.

5. CAUSING GREATER IMPACT WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF PEDRO RAMIREZ VASQUEZ TO JOB OF PRI PRESS SECRETARY. RAMIREZ, CURRENTLY RECTOR OF THE NEW METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, IS A WORLD RENOWNED ARCHITECT WHO DESIGNED MEXICO'S MEUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY. RAMIREZ, WHO ALSO WAS HEAD OF MEXICO'S 1968 OLYMIC COMMITTEE AND FIRST DIRECTOR OF MEXICO CITY METRO, HAS REPUTATION AS MAN WHO CAN GET THINGS DONE.

6. OTHER CHANGES WILL BE TREATED IN SUBSEQUENT, SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS.

JOVA

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARTY LINE, ELECTION CANDIDATES, SPEECHES, ELECTION CAMPAIGNS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MEXICO08722
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750344-0572
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751084/aaaacwqh.tel
Line Count: 73
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 SEP 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LOPEZ PORTILLO AS CANDIDATE
TAGS: PINT, MX, PRI, (LOPEZ PORTILLO, JOSE), (RAMIREZ VASQUEZ, PEDRO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006